

PREFACE

The Vermont Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) is an essential reference for those individuals concerned with resource conservation in Vermont. The FOTG contains specific information dealing with the conservation and management of natural resources

The FOTG is designed to be used by conservationists who are assisting landowners, land managers, or responsible officials to plan, apply and maintain resource management systems.

The FOTG contains five sections:
Section I - General Resources
References
Section II - Natural Resources
Information
Section III - RMS and Quality
Criteria
Section IV - Practice Standards
and Specifications
Section V - Conservation Effects

All the data and references in the FOTG are materials that help the conservationist develop a range of alternative responses to a resource concern and assess the effects of each. The conservationist can

develop a good understanding of nature's relationships between resources, between cause and effect, action and inaction, and most of all between people and their environment.

A system of Technical Guide Notices will be used to keep the FOTG current. Notices will transmit new materials, supplements, revisions, or correction items. Attachments to the Technical Guide Notices are filed according to instructions contained in the Notices.

A Technical Guide Notice is immediately filed in Section I-F, *VT FOTG Notices and Index*.